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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Northeast with prices lower. Elsewhere, market was steady with prices mostly unchanged. Retail demand was slow to fair, better where features were effective. Food service was fair to good, strongest into fast food channels. Supplies were at least sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to well cleared and moving. Dark meat items and wings were at least adequate or available with most trading on committed product. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/30/01-08/04/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.50-57.00	56.53	16	65.21	40
Chicago	51.00-55.00	54.55	46	56.68	89
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.43	22
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	64.62	13
Denver	69.50	69.47	17	68.43	23
Detroit	53.00	54.62	13	58.23	40
Los Angeles	70.00	68.04	66	66.77	117
New York	54.00-56.00	55.13	23	57.78	52
Philadelphia	53.00-55.00	53.50	10	54.37	23
Pittsburgh	51.50-53.50	53.50	10	59.21	54
St. Louis	54.00	53.18	18	54.07	38
San Francisco	70.50	69.62	29	71.98	55

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	08/06/01	Change/Last	Wk 07/30/01	08/07/00
566	61.00	-0.02	61.02	55.64

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.00-63.00	63.34	54
Central	56.00-62.00	58.84	67
West	58.00-64.50	63.96	52

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	64.00-65.50	64.98	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,134	51.00-67.00	63.34

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.50	1,428
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,098
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,303
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	790
LEG QUARTERS	33.50	9,698
WINGS	94.50	3,245

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for retail features and fast food. Supplies were usually balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were close balanced to short and held with confidence. The remaining items were adequate or available with mixed, but mostly moderate interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was only fair at best as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, with the 3 pound and larger birds in the longest position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was no better than steady to weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely cleared and boneless-skinless breasts were balanced. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings in fair balance. Buying interest fair and centered on regular commitments. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters bulk 34-36 and 4/10s 36.5-37.5, breasts bone-in 77-81 and boneless 140-165. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .46 to 59.74 with the volume reported up 3 percent to 35 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's delivery were unchanged into all areas with Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of whole fryers and Wogs were adequate. Retail demand was mixed, slow to fairly good with features a factor. Food service movement was moderate to good, best into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were balanced, instances ample. Sizes were in a desirable range. Parts supplies were available to occasionally tight. Trading was mostly slow on wings, mixed on breast items and light to fair on dark meat items. The market tone was steady to firm on breast items, mostly steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate. Seller offerings ranged adequate to ample, and were more readily available on the 3.0 pound and larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were curtailed in some instances and were moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. In the parts complex, whole breasts remained in close balance. Other items were at least adequate, although volumes available varied from plant to plant.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.41
NO. OF BOXES	10,955

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was limited entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and purchasing centered around normal commitments. Offerings of breasts items ranged balanced to well cleared. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were available. Retail and distributive movement was only fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	150.78	550,080
TENDERLOINS	135	140.03	138,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	78.16	266,136
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	74.50	108,000
LEGS	42-43	46.34	243,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.02	668,268
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.82	147,520
THIGHS	37-38	43.26	165,780
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.99	68,100
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	89.85	433,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.14	85,150
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.65	117,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.11	154,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,649	120.00-145.00	130-140	136.14
TENDERLOINS	415	120.00-240.00	135-140	144.18
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-
FRONT HALVES	960	65.00-73.00	68	67.71
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	451	28.00-30.00	28-29	28.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,358	29.00-32.00	31-32	31.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	133	80.00-94.00	-	81.40
DRUMSTICKS	62	37.00-45.00	-	39.80
THIGHS	1,858	36.00-39.00	37-38	37.47

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/06	08/02	08/02	07/30	07/26
ALA	4,006	3,795	4.89	4,035	4.89
ARK	5,299	5,226	4.61	5,109	4.61
DELMARVA	2,281	2,330	5.13	2,219	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,027	1,900	4.25	1,941	4.34
MISS	2,841	2,891	4.92	2,753	4.96
NC	2,587	2,554	5.86	2,523	5.91
TEXAS	2,384	2,284	4.65	2,341	4.55
TOTAL	21,425	20,980	4.89	20,921	4.89
MON	21,425(A)			20,921(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Aug 2001 is estimated to be 32,054,000 up 2.10 percent from a week ago and up 2.36 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,394,000, last year 31,314,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	918	138.00-208.00	145-147	145.81
TENDERLOINS	1,120	105.00-230.00	140-145	140.53
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	74.00-82.00	75-78	75.94
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	129	41.50-54.00	43-45	44.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	30.00-32.00	30-31	30.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,170	32.00-34.00	33	33.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	92.00-96.00	94-96	95.34
WINGS (CUT)	361	101.00-111.00	104-106	105.97
DRUMSTICKS	103	47.00-54.00	-	51.62
THIGHS	63	48.00-54.00	-	49.71

B/S THIGHS TOO FEW TO REPORT

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUG 06, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 54.00	51.20	50.77

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 06-AUG-2001 TO 10-AUG-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 152.00	135.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 87.00	71.00 - 76.00
LEGS	39.00 - 53.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 40.00	31.00
DRUMSTICKS	41.00 - 51.00	-
THIGHS	37.00 - 49.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	73.00 - 99.00	90.00 - 92.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 51.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82-101
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-107
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	95-97
	DRY PACK	96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

03-AUG-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	23.00	-	240,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	23.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-23.00	19.50-21.00	500,000	160,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.92	20.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.75-21.00	16.00-21.00	1,720,000	900,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.19	18.51		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

03-AUG-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00-21.00	204,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.60		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	14.00-20.00	1,713,800	571,200
WTD AVERAGE	19.21	17.86		
20% OR MORE	-	-	-	-
RANGE				
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current production adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-AUG-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.75	7.5-8.75	8.40
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* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Canner supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-AUG-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10.5	8-9	8.15
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AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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